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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH WHO SECRETARIAT ON COMMISSION TO
VISIT ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

REF: STATE 095257

1. SUMMARY: DEFINITIVE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS RAISED
PARA 1 (REF A) MUST AWAIT DG MAHLER RETURN FROM
ALGERIA THIS WEEKEND. THUS MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT
AMBASSADOR CALL ON MAHLER NEXT WEEK FOR FULL
DEBRIEFING ON ALGERIAN TRIP AND AT SAME TIME SEEK
CLARIFICATION OF "PLAN" OUTLINED BY FEDELE OR OF
ANY OTHER INITIATIVES HE MAY BE CONSIDERING IN LIGHT
HIS MID-EAST JAUNT. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH
CONSIDER INSTRUCTING SELECTED POSTS INFORM APPROPRIATE
HOST GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES OUR ESTIMATE OF SITUATION
AND APPREHENSION THAT ARTICLE 7 ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL
MIGHT WELL RESULT IN SEVERE DISRUPTION WHO ACTIVITIES.

2. TACTIC PRESENTED FEDELE ON ARAB/ISRAEL ISSUES
AT WHA MAY, WE BELIVE, BE CONSIDERED AS ONE MORE
PIECE EVIDENCE OF ACUTE WHO CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE
ADVERSE EFFECT TO ORGANIZATION OF INVOCATION ARTICLE 7
WHICH HAS, IN TURN, STIMULATED MAHLER TO SEEK FIND
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SOME ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. WHETHER OR NOT MAHLER

HAS DISCUSSED THIS OR SIMILAR PLAN WITH ALGERIANS
WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL HIS RETURN THIS WEEKEND.

3. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THAT SENEGALESE COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN WILL STEP ASIDE. ACCORDING ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR, MAHLER TOLD HIM SOME TIME AGO THAT HE
WOULD NOT. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, SENEGALESE HAS
REPORTEDLY LEFT GOVERNMENT SERVICE HIS COUNTRY WHICH
MAY DIMINISH HIS PERSONAL ABILITY REMAIN AS CHAIRMAN
UNLESS HIS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES SUPPORT HIM AS
PRIVATE CITIZEN.

4. AS FOR COMPOSITION AD HOC GROUP, WE KNOW BOTH
FROM MAHLER'S CONVERSATIONS WITH US AND WITH ISRAELIS
HE WELL AWARE OF ISRAEL'S CONDITIONS RE ACCEPTABILITY
ONLY OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE COUNTRIES HAVE
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

5. ISRAELI AMBASSADOR RONN AGREES THAT RESULTS MAHLER
ALGERIAN TALKS WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON WHAT
WHO NEXT INTENDS DO. CONSEQUENTLY HE HAS REQUESTED
APPOINTMENT WITH MAHLER WHICH CONFIRMED FOR TUESDAY
APRIL 29, MISSION CONSIDERS THAT WE SHOULD ALSO
SEEK APPOINTMENT PREFERABLY AFTER RONN VISIT.

6. AS FOR ATMOSPHERICS GENEVA, MISSION CONSIDERS
WHO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY
INVOCATION ARTICLE 7 AND OUR CONTACTS WITH OTHER
MISSIONS LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT WHO IS MAKING
ITS CONCERN KNOWN TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. AS YET
THERE EXISTS NO INFORMATION THAT ARABS WILL PUSH
FOR ARTICLE 7, BUT MANY, INCLUDING ISRAELIS,
RECOGNIZE THAT ALGERIAN PROPENSITY ASSUME THIRD
WORLD LEADERSHIP BY POLITICIZING ANY ISSUE MIGHT
WELL LEAD THEM SPEARHEAD DRIVE DEPRIVE WHO
SERVICES ISRAEL. MISSION HAS BEEN MAKING POINT THAT
NOT ONLY IS US OPPOSED ARTICLE 7 APPLICATION ISRAEL, FOR
MANY OF SAME REASONS IT HAS SIDED ISRAEL PREVIOUSLY,
BUT ALSO SHARES WHO CONCERN THAT INVOCATION THIS
RULE WILL PROVOKE UNESCO-LIKE REACTION IN A
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NUMBER OF DONOR COUNTRIES THAT CANNOT FAIL IMPAIR
WHO EFFICIENCY.

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OF SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT
OF WHO FINANCIAL SITUATION, AND CERTAIN RECIPIENT
NATIONS, NOTABLY CERTAIN AFRICANS WHOM WE SHOULD
WISH TO SPLIT FROM ARABS, AND WHOSE MEDICAL SERVICES
WOULD BE SERIOUSLY IMPAIRED BY ANY CUT IN WHO FUNDS.DALE

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